

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12150	Agenda Number	56.
Meeting Date:	January 12, 2012			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award, negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to nine requirements service contracts with A-PLUS ENERGY MANAGEMENT & A/C, Austin, TX; AMERICAN CONSERVATION & AIR, Austin, TX; APPLE ENERGY GROUP, LLC, Austin, TX; ATS ENGINEERING & INSPECTORS (WBE /FW), Austin, TX; CITY CONSERVATION, Austin TX; MCCULLOUGH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC., Austin, TX; CONSTANT ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC, Spring, TX; THE INSTITUTE FOR BUILDING TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY, Herndon, VA; and THE NELROD COMPANY, Fort Worth, TX, to increase the contract for weatherization test in audit services in an estimated combined contract amount not to exceed \$67,500, for a revised estimated combined contract amount not to exceed \$1,040,000. Related to Items 6 and 57.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Austin Energy Operating Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20110912-005, from the Department of Energy (DOE) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for the grant period of October 1, 2009 to February 28, 2012. No match is required.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Contract Amendment.			
Prior Council Action:	April 8, 2010 – Approved nine 24-month contracts; April 7, 2011 – Approved amendment increasing contract authority; December 8, 2011 – Approved amendment increasing contract authority.			
For More Information:	Shawn Harris, Supervising Sr. Buyer/505-7351			
Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting			

opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

On April 8, 2010, Council approved nine (9) 24-month requirements service contracts for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) weatherization test-in audit services in an estimated combined contract amount not to exceed \$450,000. On April 7, 2011 Council approved a \$275,349 increase to these contracts. On December 8, 2011 Council approved a \$194,151 increase to these contracts to allow for additional ARRA weatherization test-in audit services under the program. The audit pre-determines the energy efficiency measures that can be performed and are cost-effective by ensuring that the discounted savings-to-investment ratio (SIR) is greater than or equal to one. The energy audit assessment will establish the priority of weatherization measures necessary to increase the energy efficiency level of each home.

The Department of Energy, through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, has offered Austin Energy ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) additional stimulus grant funds of \$900,000 to weatherize homes for low-income, elderly, and disabled customers within Austin Energy's service area. The additional grant funds have been awarded to the City of Austin/Austin Energy's WAP from TDHCA to fund the completion of a low-income apartment complex that the current funding level would not allow. This proposed action is to approve an increase to the weatherization test-in audit services contract to allow Austin Energy to complete two multi-family complexes; 54 units at Mount Carmel and 128 units at Chase Village. These additional units will receive weatherization services, which can include heater/air conditioner replacement, insulation repairs and additions, sealing around doors and windows, and the replacement of gas stoves found to be leaking carbon monoxide. This additional funding will also allow Austin Energy to complete the remaining qualified single family units within the time permitted.

The original federal grant was for \$5,969,774 for the grant period from October 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011 and was estimated to provide for the audit and weatherization of 1,000 low income, elderly, and disabled Austin Energy customers homes. To date, Austin Energy has a total of 1,474 homes completed or in the process of receiving a final inspection. This is the 5th reobligation of additional stimulus funds that Austin Energy has received for the WAP with the grant period extended through March 31, 2012.

Results to Date:

- Test-In Assessments: 2,030
- Weatherized Homes: 1,474
- Test-Out Inspections: 1,560

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

Original Contract	Original 24-month contract	\$ 450,000
Amendment No.1	Amended contract to add FACTA requirements	\$ 0
Amendment No. 2	Administrative Increase	\$53,000
Amendment No. 3	Increased contract amount with Council approval	\$275,349
Amendment No. 4	Increase contract amount from additional Federal funding to allow for	\$194,151

	additional weatherization test-in audits	
Proposed Amendment No. 5	Increase contract amount from additional Federal funding to allow for additional weatherization test-in audits	\$67,500
Total Revised Contract Amount		\$1,040,000